

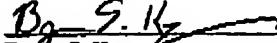
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

*In re Application of* ) Group Art Unit: 3728  
Edward N. THOMAS, et al. ) Examiner: Kavanaugh, J.  
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Filed: August 18, 2003 )  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of January 4, 2005, Applicants elect claims drawn to a bladder and classified in class 36, subclass 29. Furthermore, the Applicants submit that each of claims 1-15, 30-35, and 43-45, as amended in the concurrently-filed Preliminary Amendment, are included therein. Accordingly, claims 16-29, 36-42, and 46-50 are withdrawn from consideration. This election is made without traverse.

This Response to Restriction Requirement is being timely filed by facsimile transmission on January 26, 2005 with the Preliminary Amendment. Should additional fees or an extension of time be deemed necessary for consideration of this Response to Restriction Requirement, such fees or extension are hereby requested and the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit

account number 19-0733 for the payment of the requisite fee. If anything further is desirable to place the application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned representative at (503) 425-6800.

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